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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Communication and Notice of Allowability mailed April
24, 2007, Applicants submit the following remarks and Interview Summary:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the Examiner's indication that claims 1-42 and 44-52 are allowable.

Interview Summary

Applicants thank Examiner Berch for the telephonic interview held on February 21, 2007 with the Applicants' representatives, Eugenia Garrett-Wackowski and Carol Fang. During the telephonic interview, a number of issues were discussed and a number of amendments were proposed that have helped Applicants to address more fully the concerns of the Examiner. The issues discussed during the telephonic interview are set forth below. Applicants thank Examiner Berch for his time and reconsideration of the issues.

During the Interview, the Examiner indicated that an issue regarding the term "cycloalkyl" remained in view of the inclusion of "(cyclohexyl)methyl" and "cyclopropylmethyl," but that the rejection could be overcome by amending the specification to delete the term.

During the Interview, the Examiner indicated that an issue regarding the term "heterocycle" remained in view of the inclusion of "heterocyclo-C₀₋₂alkyl," but indicated that the rejection could be overcome by deleting the term "heterocyclo-C₀₋₂alkyl."

During the Interview, the Examiner indicated that the third choice in claim 8 is no longer permitted, but that the rejection could be overcome by amending claim 8 to be an independent claim.

During the Interview, the Examiner indicated that claim 44 depends on a canceled claim, but that this rejection could be overcome by amending claim 44 to ensure correct dependency.


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In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

Respectfully submitted,



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